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Zion

D. Maurice Moore

Walk about Zion and tell the glory
thereof,
Her tower ing spires embracing
heaven above;
Consider her palaces, mark ye her
bulwarks well;
Enduring forever, defying the gates
of hell.

Behold her foundation! The Rock
of Eternity,
Unshaken by violence, ragings,
ferocity,
Her fixity peculiarly incomparable,
Forever secure, in Christ's love in-
separable!

Observe her separateness from all
that would defile;
Her spotless purity, her lack of the
lewdly vile:
Avarice, deceit, maliciousness,
frivolity—
Her completeness, charity, joy and
simplicity.

Take not of her treasures of
inestimable worth,
Unique in their beauty, above the
rarest of earth:
Patience, longsuffering, pardon and
brotherly love—
Her spiritual tie with the Almighty
above!

The Making of a Bishop

Noah L. Hershey

While Dr. James H. Franklin, who was long in charge of the foreign missionary work of the Baptist Church, was traveling across the continent a few years ago he noticed that the porter on his car had seven gold stripes on the sleeve of his jacket. "What's the meaning of all those gold stripes?" Dr. Franklin inquired.

"Them's not stripes, boss; them's bars," the old negro answered; "they mean Ah've been servin' this road thirty-five years."

For awhile the old man kept at his work, but presently he came back and asked, "Say, boss, is you a preachah?"

"Yes; how did you guess that?"

"Oh, Ah just saw a book in your seat, and Ah though you must be a preachah. Ah was almost a preachah mahself once."

"Why did you give it up?"

"Well, sah, Ah's got a younger brothah, and when Ah told him Ah wanted to be a preachah, why, he'd been converted, and wanted to preach hisself, boss. Well, sah, we talked it ovah, and decided he'd go ahead to college and be a preachah, and Ah'd come back on the road and work. So Ah did, boss; and every month I sent him money, and he went to college."

"And did he finally become a preacher?"

"Yes, sah, in Africy. They call him Bishop Scott."

"Bishop Scott!" Dr. Franklin gazed in amazement at the humble figure before

him. Bishop Scott is said to have been the first colored preacher whom the Methodist Episcopal Church has ever made a bishop. Dr. Franklin had often read of his heroic life among his people over in Africa.

Later when Dr. Franklin was in a little town in Georgia he heard a man say, "Bishop Scott's in town." Remembering the incident on the train, Dr. Franklin determined to meet the Bishop. He went to hear him speak, and at the end of the service went up to shake hands with him.

"Have you a brother who is a porter on a sleeping car, bishop?" he asked him. Then he told of the incident on the train.

"Yes," said the Bishop, and the tears ran down his cheeks, "he's my brother, and may God bless him. I owe everything to him."—*Youth's Companion*.

Thoughts by the Wayside

If one is out for big game, one can't be worried by a fly.

Where there is no love there is no home. and where there is no home there is no continuing and advancing civilization.

Man never shows himself to greater advantage than when, under severe provocation, he holds himself in control.

In Memoriam

RECENTLY the Upland Church paid respects to our departed sister, Edna Harmon. The following articles found in the back of her Bible were read at her funeral. Her Bible also contained many other beautiful meditations. In appreciation for Sr. Harmon's lovely life lived among us, we have asked to print these two articles which express her deep devotion to her Lord. The first was her covenant with God:

"COVENANT WITH GOD"

I take

God, the Father to be my God, (I Thess. 1:9).

Jesus Christ to be my Saviour, (Acts 5:31).

The Holy Spirit to be my Sanctifier, (I Peter 1:2).

The Word of God to be my rule. (II Tim. 3:16-17).

The people of God to be my people. (Ruth 1:16).

I give

Myself—all I am and all I have to the Lord, (Rom. 15:7-8).

I do it deliberately, (Joshua 21:15).

Sincerely, (II Cor. 1:12).

Freely, (Psa. 110:3).

and Forever, (Rom. 8:35-39).

Here I give myself to Thee.

Talents, time and earthly store:

Soul and body, Thine to be,

Only Thine, forever more.

At the close of this article she signed her name and dated it February 5, 1933. The following is her prayer which was written below the statement of her covenant:

PRAYER

Oh my Father, I dedicate myself afresh to Thee. I desire to place myself and today's undertakings in Thy Hand. Enable me to suffer hardship with Thee as a good soldier, and to remember that, "On Service no soldier entangleth himself in the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who hath enrolled him as a soldier." In my daily work and occupation, make me to serve in the Spirit, bring my inclinations and desires under His control and renewal. Enable me to give up all that is not in Thy will, and to offer to Thy use and service my spirit, soul and body. Sanctify me wholly and preserve me blameless. Give me an increasing spirit of prayer that all may be begun, continued and ended in Thee. For Jesus sake, Amen.

May God bless the memory of our departed sister, along with all the other saints who have gone on to be with the Lord, to challenge us to live and serve our Lord and the church in the spirit that is acceptable to Him who will some day summon the faithful to His kingdom, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—J. F. L.

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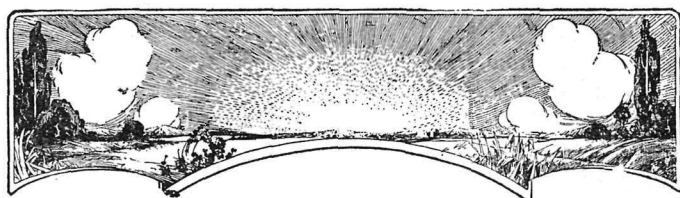
The Sting of Death

WHILE attending a funeral a number of years ago I heard a woman who had been bereft of her husband cry, "Oh, Henry, Henry, where have you gone?" To her, death had a terrible sting. It had the same type of sting which David of old had when he cried out from the anguish of his heart: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" The apostle Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15:56 that "the sting of death is sin."

Yes the sting of death is sin in its finality. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has stated, "Sin in its beginning is rebellion against God; sin in its finality is separation from God." So the sting of death is separation from God. It is eternal damnation. It is burning in the infernal regions of hell forever and ever. What a calamity! What a tragedy! The sting of death for those who are left behind is small, yea, exceedingly insignificant, compared to the sting of death of those who have left this world without a hope in Christ and the power of His resurrection.

The woman who cried, "where have you gone?" felt that her husband had died without hope in Christ. A couple of nights

before his death he had been invited to an altar of prayer but he shook his head continually and said, "Not tonight." As far as I know he had no other chance. In conversation with his bereft wife I learned that, that is what she felt and to think that her beloved was lost forever was a terrible sting. David knew of the rebellion of Absalom's heart and no doubt knew he was beyond hope because he transgressed God's law and had no opportunity to be forgiven. Lost! Lost! Lost! What a sting! Considered great by those left behind but the pangs are erased with time. But for those who are eternally banished there is no erasure. Age upon age, dispensation upon dispensation, the pangs of separation are increased according to the Word of God. "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Oh the terribleness of the sting of the death of a soul without Christ in this land of such marvelous opportunity to accept mercy and deliverance at the hands of a loving Saviour. To the sinner death has a terrible sting. To the Christian death has no sting for "death is swallowed up in victory." Dear reader, can you say with the apostle Paul, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"?—J. A. C.



"Behold, I Come Quickly"

Martha Snell Nicholson

REVELATION 22:12

The one I love went way out West
To make a home for me, as best
He could. And he would write to me
From far away, so tenderly.
It seemed he bared his very heart,
And we were not so far apart!
I'd read his letters o'er and o'er.
He'd tell me what to do before
I came to him, and what to bring,
And how to find the way. I'd sing
All day, and dream about that home,
And how he'd greet me when I'd come.

What would he think of me
If, when I saw him, I should say,
"I was so busy every day
I never read your words to me,
The words you wrote so tenderly!"

The Lord I love went on ahead
To make a home for me. He said
He would come back again. And He
O gracious love, He wrote to me!
He knew I was so weak and blind
And foolish that I could not find
The road alone. He told me things
That all earth's wise men and its kings
Have never guessed, yet I foreknew
If I but read His Word. And, oh,
Such depths of love on every sheet!
My soul is trembling at His feet.

What would He think of me
If, when I saw Him, I should say,
"I was too busy every day
To read what Thou didst write to me;
I really hadn't time for Thee!"

—Selected.

Apologetic

NOT LONG since I heard a minister state before his congregation that he does not believe in being apologetic. If he meant what he said (but I do not believe that he did), then he and I do not agree for I know God's Word says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear," and that is being apologetic. Webster's Collegiate dictionary explains the word apologetics as "Systematic, argumentative discourse in defense, especially of the divine origin and authority of Christianity." Is it possible that as Christians we are not apologetic when we ought to be?

In preaching in a certain place I said that I do not believe in making excuses but as God gives grace, do what I am asked to do in the fear of God. Some months afterward I was asked to fill the same pulpit having been given very little warning. In my opening remarks I said my only apology for being here this morning is that I've been asked and that while I have had very little opportunity for preparation I promise to do my best for God. After the meeting a brother said to me, "Bro. Climenhaga, I thought you told us a couple of months ago that you do not believe in being apologetic." That brother failed to see the difference between making excuses or giving a reason. Is it possible that there are others like him?

In the seventh chapter of Acts there is a record of Stephen making his defense before the Jewish council. He was telling them why he did as he did. It is often called "Stephen's Apology" and rightly so. In the same book there is a record of Paul telling the people, the council, Felix, Festus and Agrippa his reason for preaching and behavior. What masterful apologies they are! The Scriptures have had their proper place in the thinking of many as the result of these apologists and those of the middle ages. May God raise up some apologists today who by being apologetic will make their imprint for good upon an apostate church age.

A certain writer with whom I agree states, "Christians ought to be able to give an account of their hope when asked, both for the defense of the truth, and for the good of the asker. That account may be very simple; it may be the mere recital of personal experience—often the most convincing of arguments." As Brethren in Christ we make no excuse for believing in the Washing of the Saint's feet; in baptism by trine immersion; in the prayer veiling for women but God helping us let us be a little more apologetic than we are. Let our discourses be systematic and argumentative "with meekness and fear." See I Peter 3:15-16.—J. A. C.

"How Can I Know God's Will?"

Jesse F. Lady

WITHOUT question the life lived outside the will of God is a tragedy. But how good it is to know and experience the sweet will of God which gives perfect soul freedom and abiding satisfactions in life. A key scripture verse for this meditation is found in the gospel of John 7:17. "If any man will do His will he shall know."

The thought of this verse can be summarized something like this. "Willingness to obey God's will is the first step in the discovery of God's will." The scholar-saint Robertson wrote, "Obedience, not mind is the origin of knowledge."

Our first question should not be, "Can I know the will of God for my life?" But, "Do I really want to know the will of God? If the answer is affirmative, our next question, "Why do I want to know His will?" The Bible message states clearly that life is a cycle. We come from God, we go back to God. Hence the purpose of living is to do the will of God."

As a young Christian couple stood with their pastor, with enraptured gaze, hushed by the splendor of a mountain scene, the Christian lady said: "It is strange how many days there are when one can see only the lower range of hills." Then she continued very simply: "It is like life, isn't it? Only once in a while you see the peaks—just often enough to make you sure they are there. But that is all that is necessary, isn't it? Just knowing they are there."

There is so much involved in that parable—in fact, almost the whole structure of our Christian faith. "We walk by faith and not by sight." God through the Holy Spirit gives us enough sight and feeling to redeem our faith from being mere guess or wishful thinking.

The above parable has a special application to the honest and conscientious individuals who are inquiring, "How may I know the will of God for my life?"

Those who are seeking an answer to this question need to learn that we learn God's will for our lives, not by a continued showing of it, like immense mountain peaks on a cloudless day. If that were true, then what would be the need of prayer, faith and trust?

The Will of God for our lives is not always laid out for us like a well-marked smooth highway. His will for us is somewhat like the giant mountains. We see the top peaks of these mountains often enough and clearly enough to give us a sense of direction and certainty; to assure us that God is with us and that His realities surround us; to provide us with evidence by which to assure our hearts, guide our feet, and to refresh our questionings with recurring certainties.

There may be times when we are not always conscious of His presence and guidance as at other times, but we can always be confident that He is there and He cares and understands.

If perchance you have seemingly become lost in the maze of this complex life or are plagued with unsolved problems and doubts, you might try asking yourself some questions:

Did I unreservedly open my heart and mind to His will when it stood there before me as clearly, impressively as a mountain peak?



He is Not a Disappointment!

He is not a disappointment!

*Jesus is far more to me
Than in all my glowing day-dreams
I had fancied He could be;*

*And the more I get to know Him,
So the more I find Him true,
And the more I long that others
Should be led to know Him, too.*

He is not a disappointment!

*He has saved my soul from sin;
All the guilt and all the anguish,
Which oppressed my heart within;
He has banished by His presence,
And His blessed kiss of peace
Has assured my heart for ever,
That His love will never cease.*

He is not a disappointment!

*He is coming by and by;
In my heart I have the witness
That His coming draweth nigh.
All the scoffers may despise me,
And no change around may see,
But He tells me He is coming,
And that's quite enough for me.*

He is not a disappointment!

*He is all in all to me—
Blessed Saviour, sanctifier;
The unchanging Christ is He!
He has won my heart's affection,
And He meets my ev'ry need;
He is not a disappointment,
For He satisfies indeed.*

—Selected by Omar G. Worman.

Did I keep my convictions and chart my course in the light of them when God's Will was unmistakably clear?

Did I follow that course faithfully, remembering always the Vision that He set before me?

Do I "lift up my eyes unto the hills," daily with unbroken fellowship, or am I traveling with my gaze on earthly things? Or, to say it more directly and personally, am I honestly looking for the Will of God in the spiritual area where I once experienced it?

Yes. God reveals His will often enough and clearly enough to find our way in this world of uncertainty and confusion.

Here are some other questions people ask, especially young people.

"Sometimes I think I ought to be a missionary in Africa: sometimes I question. How may I know God's will for my life?"

There seems to be two calls come—two things which we would like to do for the Kingdom of God. How can we know which to do?

How can we know what is of God and what is of the Devil? What are impressions and what are convictions? Is it possible to be too conscientious?

Over and over again these and similar questions are being asked by the youth of this generation. Bewildered by the complexities and confusion of many voices of the world, they crave a simple clear method of discovering the Mind of Christ who is never confused and whose wisdom which is all-knowing.

Let me say in the first place that I do believe with all my heart that God has a purpose in every life and a blue-print plan for its realization. How could it be otherwise when we believe in an all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful God and Father of us all?

My dear seekers, to know the will of God, remember, God knows you infinitely better than you know yourself. He knows the world in which you live, for He made it. He knows where a person such as you can most effectively serve. Our Father knows other people, as well as he knows you, and therefore, knows with whom you can best work and what you have to offer in the task of world redemption.

The celebrated Pascal used to say to young people who came to him with doubts and questions, "Do you really want to know the truth more than anything else?" This is a searching key question! We must ask ourselves that question, honestly, sincerely, repeatedly; "Do I really want to know the truth in the matter?"

How often we come to God in uncertainty or in perplexity and ask him to make His Will plain. Listen to the words of Jesus. "Therefore, I say unto you, all things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24).

"A Philosophy of Life That Works"

Eva Mae Melhorn

GOD HAS created man to glorify Him, to live for Him, and to do His will. Into man's heart God has instilled an instinct to worship a higher Being. This Being is God. All men, however, have not been able to discover Him, even though they were conscious of the instinct to worship or to have an aim or goal in life. Some men do know the true God but have not discovered the right way to worship Him. So some have missed the mark. Some of these were Epicureans who made pleasure their goal. They were far from the true Christian aim. The Stoics came a little nearer to the right way, in that, duty is a nobler aim in life, than to live just for pleasure which is very disappointing. Plato and Aristotle got somewhat nearer to the truth than the others but they, with the rest lacked the dynamic of the Christian life. Other philosophers tried to make the "totality of life greater," and others tried to promote the "greatest happiness to the greatest number," but these too lacked the power of the Christ of the Cross and thus failed to achieve happiness.

Now, what is the "Philosophy of Life that Works?" It must be that which satisfies the inner strivings of man. It must be that which brings true happiness, and makes life rich. It must be something that brings full assurance and that gives the answer to that instinct of the soul. It must have a moral standard that can be lived. It must be something that all classes of men can embrace and in it find equal satisfaction. Only a part, or parts of these requirements can be found in any one of the above named, or any other philosophy of life outside of Christianity.

Christianity, in the true sense of the word, fully satisfies every innate longing of the human heart. For that longing really is a desire for the restoration of fellowship with the Creator. My definition of a Christian is "a devoted follower of the principles set forth by Jesus Christ and the inspired writers of God's Word." To be saved and sanctified through the merits of the shed blood of Christ makes one a devoted follower of Christ. The Christian loves the Lord his God with all his being, but also his neighbor as himself. Therefore, he has little difficulty with society. He obeys the laws of the state and prays for those in authority, and thus is a good citizen. He has the mind of Christ, which is meek and lowly. No class of mankind is outside his neighborhood or is not an object of his love. He exercises justice, truthfulness, and kindness to all men. This philosophy of life brings satisfaction and abundant life, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost.

Christianity embodies all the finer aspects of the foregoing findings of other philosophers and supplies the dynamic in a Person to perform. Through faith in that Person, Christ Jesus, it functions in the life of the individual.

The Race of Life

T. P. Egling

*For years I waited for success,
Which some day would come to my door;
And while I waited, I confess,
The years swept by to come no more.*

*So soon old age had slack'd my pace,
And others passed triumphantly by;
I fell behind in life's swift race;
Friends of my age passed on to die.*

*Why stand you idly by and wait,
You slumber, sleep and lose the race;
Awake, and run, the time is late,
And take among the strong your place.*

*But now I'm old, and try to make,
A place for me close to the sun;
While wealth passed by I want to take,
I lost because I failed to run.*

—San Francisco, California.

Sacrifice

W. O. Winger

IMPRESSIVE it is to see how and for what people will sacrifice. Needless to consider those who sacrifice chastity, and a clean body to swing with the reckless crowd, reaping remorse, sickness and death. The athlete willingly denies himself of overeating, tobacco, drink, etc., and sacrifices time to prepare for games and races. Many of past and present sacrifice health to obtain wealth, then spend that wealth trying to retrieve their health. Others will spend wealth to obtain fame or a name among men. Finally, "vanity of vanities saith the preacher, all is vanity," and gloomy would be the outlook but for the more excellent way, enabling the wayfarer to sing from a heart filled with praise to his Saviour, "count it a privilege here His cross to bear."

Those whose eyes have been opened to realize with Romans 12:1, namely that a life of holiness is reasonable service, will carry their cross with a smile, for in their humble fear of displeasing their God, they have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord, the secret of belonging to

Ten Articles on Church Etiquette

1. Come. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him away from church."

2. Come early. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.

3. Take a place towards the front of the church; leave the rear for those who may come late.

4. Be devout — the church is not a theater or a place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our utmost reverence.

5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of the row and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.

6. Always remember that strangers are the guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.

7. Give a good offering to God.

8. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.

9. Never stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

10. Remember at all times that you are in the House of God.—*Selected.*

the Righteous, dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. As Joseph, Moses, Daniel and others realized this secret, they never faltered from real sacrifice, counting it greater riches than all the world laid at their feet. New Testament saints also gladly suffered the loss of all things to win Christ. Real Christian dignity was manifested in that noble disciple, Peter, as after Pentecost he frankly but uncomplainingly said to the lame man, "Silver and gold have I none," but in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth gave what he had, and the lame man walked.

Truly in Jesus Christ dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and we are complete in Him, whether Zacchaeus seeing his privilege of straightening up his life, the apostles rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name, or the "others" we read of in Hebrews 11:36, of whom the world was not worthy. Dear reader, many good souls, past and present, counted it not sacrifice but a privilege to suffer martyrdom for their Christ. Where are we today? With the need so very great, professing Christians are losing the vision of their privilege to sacrifice for Jesus' sake.—*Grantham, Pa.*

"Pray Ye..."

C. R. Heisey

THESE are times that try men's souls. The devil seems desperate in his attempts to prevent the Church from meeting the challenge of the hour. Whatever else is included in the statement, "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence . . ." it most certainly describes the effort to drown spirituality and to cloud spiritual vision with which we are confronted today.

General MacArthur says:

Not in five hundred years has any nation afforded an opportunity such as Japan now offers for the presentation of Jesus Christ. It probably happens only once in a thousand years that an entire nation is ready in a single generation to forsake its religion and accept another in its place."

"If you agree that now is the chance to bring the Japanese people under the influence of Christian teaching, your Missionary Enterprise is on too small a scale; you want to multiply your effort about a hundred fold. The only way is for the missionary to create an immense army of Japanese who will go out to be missionaries to their own people. If you can get the Christian world convinced of the greatness of the call, surely there is no doubt of the rising to the height of the opportunity."

A friend from Japan who is endeavoring to conduct an agricultural school for training self-supporting Japanese preachers for the very purpose mentioned by the General, says:

"Can't your Church do some Missionary Work in our war-stricken Japan? I know you are sending missionaries to Africa and other countries. Why not Japan? I am interested in Rural Evangelism, and you people are perhaps the only people who can 'show' the religion.

I believe I asked you this before but I must repeat again, or, perhaps you can have fellowship with some native rural workers, who believe in the same way as I do. For instance, the other day I visited a country church of one thousand membership. This church is an independent, interdenominational church and has no foreign backing whatsoever. They would like a fellowship with American Christians. The pastor who is only 35 years old, told me that they had twenty-six consecutive nights of Christmas celebration last year, starting December 4, because the church cannot contain enough people at one time. This pastor is the most earnest Christian I have ever seen in my life. I wish I had time to write you more of this church, and the evangelistic meetings I had during the last few months. Pray for me. May God bless you."

Ugo Nakada
Tokyo, Japan

There was a day when the prophet Haggai said:

"Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?"—the house of the Lord.

In his day Jeremiah said:

"Woe unto you that saith, I will build a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows: and it is ceiled with vermillion."

Jesus said, as recorded by Luke, when speaking of His return to earth:

Jesus Satisfies

M. W. Knapp

There's not a craving of the mind

Which Jesus cannot fill;

There's not a pleasure I would seek

Aside from His dear will.

From hour to hour He fills my soul

With peace and perfect love;

While rich supplies for ev'ry need

He sendeth from above.

The joys which this vain world bestows;

Have lost their charms for me;

Once I enjoyed its trifles too,

But Jesus set me free.

Its joys will perish in a day,

Its pleasures quickly fly;

Its mirth like mist will pass away,

And all its honors die.

He stilled the angry tempests' power,

Which raged within my heart;

And bade each sinful passion there,

To speedily depart.

Yes Jesus is my all in all,

He satisfies my soul,

For me He died on Calvary,

And now He makes me whole.

Yes, Jesus is my Savior dear,

My Rock, my Strength, my Song;

My Wisdom and my Refuge Safe,

To Jesus I belong.

He is my Advocate with God,

My Way, my Life, my Light,

My Great Physician and my Friend,

My Guide by day and night.

—Pentecostal Herald.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they builded."

Was it our day of which He spake? Unquestionably we are in danger of succumbing to the spirit of the age in which we live and say, we too must have fine houses, big automobiles, costly things and we will leave "God's house in danger of desolation"—until it is difficult for us to main-

On to Sainthood!

J. L. Brasher

There is a perfection to be reached. There are just as many degrees of spiritual life in spiritual babes, as degrees of life in physical babes. Some babies are born of anemic parents, and we wonder if they will live. Others are born of parents who are healthy. Some people are born in spiritual surroundings that are cold. They are not strong; you have to encourage them, and give them a hand. Others are born in spiritual conditions at full tide, in the fullness of blessing. Such a soul raises a whoop and says, "Glory to God, I am saved!" Both are in the Kingdom, but some high pressure person might say, "No, it is not so; he did not get it like I got it." Well, who wants to? There are just as many degrees of spiritual power in sanctified folks as physical power in grown-up folks. Not all can be alike. There is no test that can be put except that of perfect love.

The Bible calls all Christians saints, in a sense, but saints are those who have been so enriched and so established in grace that we look up to them with veneration. Such was Madam Guyon, that wonderful French noble-woman who coveted the cross of martyrdom, and blindly went on until she struck up with some dear old saint who said, "The Kingdom is within thee, madam." When she was robbed of all her property, and shut up in the prison because of her religion, she said, "The stones of my prison glowed like rubies, because of the presence of my Bridegroom. The manacles on my arms looked like circlets of diamonds and priceless jewels, because He was with me." Saints! They have gone up the road to Christian perfection in character.—*God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate.*

tain the missionary work that we are doing in a manner competent to meet the crying needs of the moment.

"O tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon: lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph."

Satan trembles when he sees

The weakest saint upon his knees

But he triumphs when he sees

A worldly church with stiffened knees.

The challenge of the hour calls for the best that we have for God. The temptation with the prayer to meet it is expressed in this bit of verse by Kenneth Robinson:

This talent Thou hast given Lord,

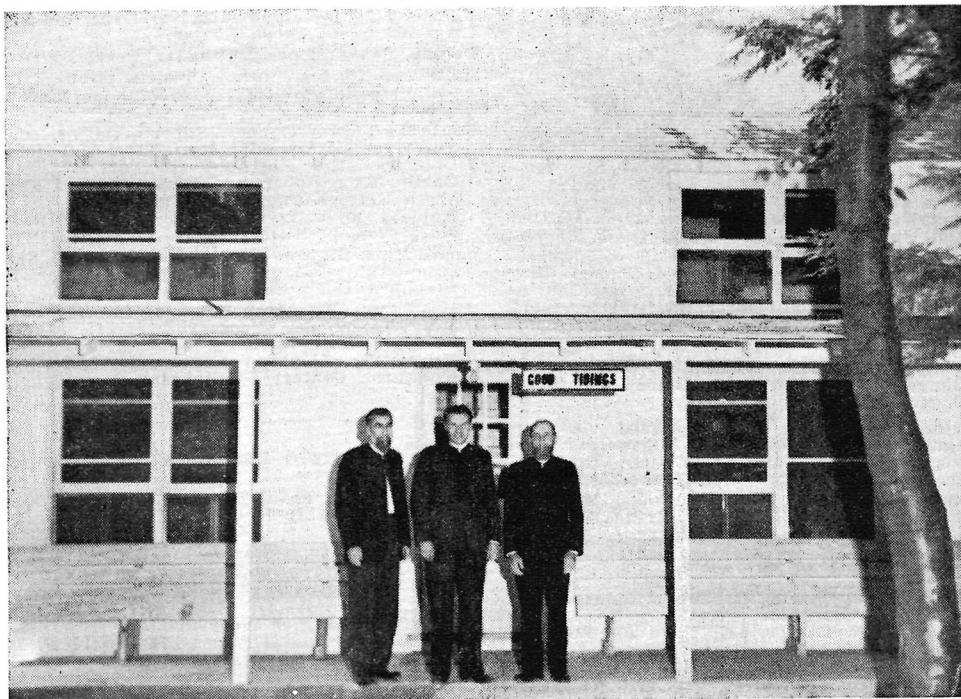
I'd fain develop in a worldly way;

But better are Thy plans for me,

I consecrate it, Lord, today.

Take to Thyself that Thou gavest me—
All that I have belongs to Thee.

—Upland, California.



"GOOD TIDINGS," THE COTTAGE AT ROXBURY CAMP GROUND

Elder Graybill Wolgemuth, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board; Bishop Henry A. Ginder, Treasurer of Home Mission Board; Bishop I. W. Musser, former Secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

Missionary Cottage Dedicated at Roxbury

ON Wednesday forenoon, August 10, 1949, the first feature of the program was the dedication of the Cottage. Bishop I. W. Musser, the sponsor of the building, was the moderator and presented the name, "Good Tidings." Bishop Charlie Byers gave a brief account of the origin of the cottage, how that at the 1947 camp a foreign missionary gave \$5.00 toward this project. Soon, enough was given to purchase a building lot; and shortly before camp meeting this summer the cottage was erected and temporarily furnished to be used at this camp meeting.

Eld. Graybill Wolgemuth, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board quoted Isaiah 52:7, and said, "For approximately fifty years the Brethren in Christ Church has been carrying on a growing Home and Foreign Missionary Program. Many of her members have given their lives to carry the "Good Tidings" of Jesus' victorious triumph at Calvary to a dying world. The Holy Spirit inspired Isaiah and the Apostle Paul to write of the beauty of such workers, "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring *good tidings* of good, that publish peace."

"Some of our Brethren caught a vision of providing a cottage for the entertainment of these workers at the Roxbury camp ground. As in the building of the tabernacle, each seemed to work so willingly, as unto the Lord. The lumber, concrete, paint, etc., cost \$1,839.94, labor \$62.50, a total of \$1,902.44. One thousand five hun-

dred and nineteen dollars and ninety cents was given in offerings before this. Last Sunday's Sunday School offering taken here for this project was \$308.16 leaving a deficit of \$81.38. All this money came from free-will offerings. At the close of the service a brother was led to wipe out the deficit.

"Special mention should be made of Bro. Abner Wolgemuth who supervised the building of the cabin, staying right by it to the finish free of charge, also a number of his men from the Florin farms joined in the building of it, donating all their time. It would take too long to mention the names of the seventy men and brethren who so nobly helped, donating their time as well. Some districts have been so faithful in providing the bedding and furnishings for the eight-roomed cottage. It is with much appreciation that we express our thanks to each one who has contributed to make this possible."

Bishop Henry A. Ginder, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, then proceeded with the dedication of the cottage after the name "Good Tidings" was announced. He said, "We pause in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses to publicly dedicate the "Good Tidings" Missionary cottage for the use of missionaries, home and foreign, during the time of the Holiness Camp Meeting annually; for a place of quiet retreat for our missionaries throughout the year as arranged for with proper authorities; and for any usage

which is in keeping with our Holiness emphasis, and conducive to the building of the mission program of the Brethren in Christ Church in this present evil world. In keeping with the afore-said purposes, we now dedicate the "Good Tidings" Missionary cottage in the name of the Father and in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Ghost. Amen." Bishop Ginder offered the dedicatory prayer.

Frozen Help

A poor fellow was drowning on a winter day, and struggled in vain to grasp the oar a boatman held out to him. His rescuer could not understand why he did not hold on. At last the poor drowning fellow gasped out in despair, "For mercy's sake give me the wooden end!" The man had been holding to him a mass of ice, which slipped from his fingers.

So often we hold out to sinking souls an oar of ice while we sit in cushioned pews with gloved hands holding on to the warm end. Let us learn, like our Master, to go to the publicans and sinners if we would have them come to us.—A. B. Simpson.



(We begin with this issue a series of brief studies on the requisite qualities of a foreign missionary as written by a missionary veteran.—Ed.)

The question is often asked, *How can I best begin at home to prepare for the life of the mission field?* Here are a few practical suggestions:

Effort. It will not be easy. We must go out of our way to acquire this preparedness. We are called to a strict training for a hard fight which will not end until we hear God's "Well done!"

Difficulties. Let us learn to choose the hardest things, to do what others leave undone. We can begin in the ordinary affairs of home life. The joy of hard climbing and the glory of the impossible should not be mere phrases but experienced facts.

Helpfulness. Make opportunities each day to help others, in inconspicuous ways, not grudgingly but joyfully, though it may mean far less time for yourself. Be kind and thoughtful. Be courteous and good mannered. "Love is never rude, never selfish."—China's Millions.

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Michigan

LeonardSept. 24-25
MooretownOct. 22-23
MerrillOct. 29-30
Gladwin:
Bible ConferenceNov. 4
District MeetingNov. 5
Followed with Love Feast Sat. evening and Sun.
DetroitNov. 13

Pennsylvania

MastersonvilleOct. 2
Fairland, Sun. Eve., Cleona, Pa.Oct. 23
SoudertonOct. 15-16

Ohio

Dayton Mission, Sat. Eve.Sept. 24
Pleasant Hill, Sat. and Sun.Oct. 15-16
Beulah Chapel, Sat. and Sun.Oct. 29-30
Chestnut Grove, Sat. and Sun.Nov. 5-6
Valley Chapel, Sat. and Sun.Nov. 12-13
Sippo ValleyNov. 24
Thanksgiving Meeting—Thanksgiving Day

Kentucky

Fairview, Sat.Oct. 8
Grassy Springs, Sat. NightNov. 12

Ontario

Boyle and HowickSept. 24-25
Wainfleet and Clarence CenterOct. 1-2
Cheanside and BertieOct. 8-9
WellandOct. 15-16

YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Mastersonville Youth Conference will be held on Saturday evening, September 24, at 7:30 P.M., and all day Sunday, September 25.

EVANGELISTIC SLATE

SilverdaleOct. 16-30
Evangelist, Elder Paul McBeth

Births

GRABILL—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grabill of Goshen, Indiana, are the parents of a daughter, Connie Sue, born August 2.

SWARTZ—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swartz, became the happy parents of a daughter, Linda Jane on June 3, at Lewistown, Pa. Mrs. Swartz is the youngest daughter of Bro. and Sr. Greely Gingerich.

FREY—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Frey, Abilene, Kansas, are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born August 14.

HEISEY—Bro. and Sr. J. Wilmer Heisey, both serving in relief service under the Mennonite Central Committee in the Philippine Islands, are the parents of a son, Paul Wendell, born July 30.

MARTIN—Bro. and Sr. Earl Martin, Jr. of Mount Joy, Pa., are the parents of a son, Galen Ray, born September 7. A brother for the twins, Jean and Jane.

WITMER—A son, David Richard, came to bless the home of Bro. and Sr. Richard Witmer of Millersburg, Pa., on March 19. Mrs. Witmer is the former Miriam Keefer.

WINGER—A son, Garth LaRue, born at the Harrisburg Hospital to Bro. and Sr. Stanley Winger of Millersburg, Pa., on August 24. Mrs. Winger is the former Orpha Keefer.

TERWILLEGAR — On August 15, a son, Timothy Otis, was born to Otis and June Thomas Terwillegar of Midland, R. 4, Mich.

COBB — On August 16, a daughter, Betty Lou, was born to Tyrus and Alice Lyons Cobb of Midland, Mich.

BURKHOLDER—Bro. and Sr. Alfred Burkholder of Fayetteville, Pa., are happy to announce the arrival of Goldie Mae, on May 1. A sister for Lucy Lu.

BURKHOLDER—Bro. and Sr. John D. Burkholder of Chambersburg, R. 1, Pa., are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Linda Ann, on August 12.

CRIDER — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crider of Jonestown, R. 1, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, Gail Louise, on August 2.

LONG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Long of Annville, Pa., a daughter, Beth Marie, on August 25.

Obituaries

BRUBAKER—Leah Baker Brubaker departed this life on August 2, at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa., aged 82 years, 2 months and 17 days.

She was born May 15, 1867, near Dillsburg, York County, Pa., the daughter of the late Jacob H. and Rebecca Firestone Baker. She was converted at the age of 17 years under the preaching ministry of Bishop Jesse Engle, pioneer missionary to South Africa under the Brethren in Christ Church. She united with the church at Pleasant View near Dillsburg, Pa., and remained faithful until called to be with her Lord.

In January 1910 she was united in marriage to Edward L. Klinedinst of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who preceded her in death in 1931. Forty years of her life were spent in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

On October 6, 1936, she was united in marriage to Henry B. Brubaker, who survives her; one sister, Mrs. Anna B. Niesley; one niece, four nephews, and four step-children.

Weddings

HOSTETLER-SWALM—On August 17, 1949, in the Brethren in Christ Church near Duntroon, Ontario, at 12 o'clock noon, Sr. Lela Margaret Swalm, eldest daughter of Bishop and Sr. E. J. Swalm of Duntroon, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Bro. Paul Eugene Hostetler, eldest son of Eld. and Sr. Eli Hostetler of Massillon, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by the father of the groom.

May God bless them as they journey through life together.

'Twas for You and Me

Angeline Plank

*Carefully He trod life's pathway—
The Stranger of Galilee
Setting a good example—
'Twas for you and me.*

*Tenderly He healed the sick and lame,
And made the blind to see.
Yes, loved and helped mankind—
'Twas for you and me.*

*Lovingly He helped the meek and poor,
And heard their every plea—
He befriended all mankind—
'Twas for you and me.*

*Sorrowfully He prayed for the thief on the cross
In His pain and misery.
He suffered to save all mankind—
'Twas for you and me.*

*Joyfully He rose from the cold dark tomb
To live with His Father on high.
He looked forward to a heavenly home—
So should you and I.*

—Rosebank Church, Kansas.

Funeral services were conducted at the Myers Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Bishop E. H. Wenger and Eld. S. B. Stoner officiated. Interment took place in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

OLDHAM—Jennie Kanode Oldham was born February 8, 1891, and departed this life August 16. She died at the Winbur Hospital where she was a patient for six weeks, aged 58 years, 6 months and 8 days.

She was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ Church at the age of 16 and was a very devoted member of the church. She was an inspiration in all of the church activities. Her testimonies were encouraging and uplifting.

On March 6, 1924, she was married to Jesse Oldham, who later became bishop of the Morrison Cove District. Bro. and Sr. Oldham celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary together with their family on March 6, 1949.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bishop Jesse Oldham; Jesse, Jr. of Martinsburg, Pa.; Martha, Samuel and Ruth at home, and one grandson; also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Herman Miller of Altoona; Mrs. David Nissley of Roaring Springs, Pa.; John and Avery Kanode both of Martinsburg, Pa.; Ira Kanode of Curryville, Pa.; and Mrs. Harvey Lauver of Mifflintown, Pa.

Funeral services were held in the Springhope Church August 18, at 2:30 o'clock. Eld. Howard Feather and Eld. Andrew Slagenweit officiated. Interment took place in the Fisher-town Cemetery.

Chance or Choice

Dr. C. H. Grove

A CERTAIN familiar song starts off with this line: "This is my Father's world." When we look around and note the existence of confusion in every sphere of human activity, the incessant contentions between manufacturers and employees, the lack of stability and permanence in every line of economic endeavor, the waste and extravagance that has piled up mountain-high such an unprecedented public debt that threatens national bankruptcy at home, and then the unsatisfactory and ominous condition of our foreign international relations—when we are confronted with these indisputable symptoms of a world-wide chaotic condition, we marvel, and ask ourselves seriously whether or not God has really anything to do with this bewildered and beleaguered world; and whether it is only a pious and meaningless platitude to sing that familiar song: "This Is My Father's World," and whether or not it is also bordering on the sacrilegious to utter that sentiment. In view of our present conditions, it would be proper to assume that attitude.

God and His message of light and help have been barred out of all national legislation, and out of all international problems and relationships. His precepts and admonitions have been cast into the discard without giving them the slightest consideration. Prayer for Divine guidance is not even permitted in the great World Conferences. The leaders gathered there assumed the attitude that they are sufficient in their own wisdom, knowledge and good judgment. And the disappointing results thus far are sufficient evidence of their erroneous assumptions.

But there is a cause, or a train of causes, for every effect. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void . . . And God said: 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Let men stand aside and put away their useless pigmy instruments that they have used to no good effect, to clear up the confusion and darkness of the world; and ask God to speak and act; and when they shall have done that, they will be amazed at the results.

James Russel Lowell once wrote these memorable words:

Right forever on the scaffold;
Wrong forever on the throne;
But that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadows,
Keeping watch above His own.

Joseph was a fine type of well-trained Hebrew youth; upright, honest, conscientious and of a loving, forgiving disposition. His brothers were of the opposite type; vicious, vindictive, cruel and remorseless. When he made a visit to them in a remote country in the interest of their welfare,

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With the Church

In The Homeland

Bethel, Merrill, Michigan

Our summer tent meeting began July 19 and continued two weeks. The tent was pitched about two and one half miles north and west of the church. Bishop Luke Keefer of Millersburg, Pa., was the evangelist and preached very good sermons to us. Several knelt at the altar in the tent while others sought the Lord in their homes. The attendance was very good considering the competition with about a million mosquitoes. The Grantham Male Quartet and Albert Brechbill were with us in two services.

On June 16 Alvin G. Becker of the Northern Bible Society gave us a challenging message on world conditions and the need for Bibles in different parts of the world today.

—G. French

Refton, Pa.

Refton Brethren in Christ Bible School reached its highest attendance in its twenty-first year of Bible School. It is believed that this is one of the oldest Bible Schools in Lancaster County. The superintendent was Bro. Cyrus G. Lutz. He was assisted by a staff of twelve teachers. The enrollment for the two weeks was 208 with an average attendance of 186. One hundred thirty-eight of the pupils had perfect attendance. The highest for one day was 200. The children were brought in on large trucks, cars, and a school bus. Some of the children do not attend Sunday School anywhere and our prayer is that the seed sown has fallen on good ground and will bring forth much fruit. The closing night of Bible School was held in the tent.

The tent meeting opened the second week of Bible School. Bro. Andrew Slagenweit from Martinsburg served as evangelist. The attendance was not so large but the Lord met with us. Some Fresh Air children spending the summer here were saved.

—Suie Naomi Hess

Granville, Pa.

Our tent meetings started August 13 with Bro. Harold Paulus of California, as our evangelist. Bro. Paulus came to us filled with an over-flowing testimony and preached the true Word of God. A fairly good attendance was there each night and the weather was fine. About 12 knelt at an altar of prayer where tears flowed asking God to forgive. Our prayer is that they will obey and be true.

On Sunday evening a carload from Canada stopped over with us on their way home from Roxbury. They were Bro. and Sr. Cober, their family and some friends. Bro. and Sr. Smith from Philadelphia were workers at the tent one week. Then Sr. Dorothy Slick of Lancaster County came for a week. We did enjoy having Sr. Naomi Wolgemuth with us in Ferguson Valley and here at Granville as a worker. The service closed Sunday evening, August 28.

Bishop Luke Keefer and family were here September 3 and 4 with a number of his congregation from Millersburg for our communion service. It was very well attended from the three districts. How we love to commune with our Lord who has done so much for us in saving us from sin and still keeps us from day to day. We praise Him.

—Ruth M. Freed

North Star Mission, Saskatchewan

We have been busy as usual caring for the missionary activities and doing other things that seem to associate themselves with mission work. The first part of July was taken up by getting ready for the summer's evangelistic campaign, fixing the fences whenever the steers managed to get through and running to Meath Park for supplies for the neighbors. Abundant rains all through the summer with warm weather has resulted in a bumper crop for many people surrounding us. The heavy rains during the summer caused the well near the mission home to cave in from the outside, the dirt getting into the well below the cribbing, and making the water unfit for use except for washing. We tried to rebuild the well and clean it out but before we pro-

Pull Together

An old man operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers across a small lake. One day a passenger noticed that he had carved on one oar the word "Faith" and on the other oar the word "Works." Curiosity led him to ask the meaning of this.

The old man said, "I will show you." He dropped one oar and they went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and began to ply the one called "Faith," and the little boat went around in circles again—this time the other way around. After this demonstration the old man picked up both "Faith" and "Works" and plying both oars together sped swiftly over the water, explaining to his inquiring passenger, "You see that is the way it is in the Christian life."—*Canadian Churchmen*.

ceeded very far we saw it would be a big job, hence decided to investigate the possibility of boring a well. We have found a driller who is willing to do the work and so we are expecting he will be at work by the first part of October. In the meantime we are getting water for personal use from Mr. Juan, a mile distant. Our intention is to drill the new well a few feet west of the garage, and then to enclose it with the garage.

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the Love Feast and missionary meeting at Kindersley during the month of July, and to take a number from North Star along. I was glad to have a visit with Bro. and Sr. Garman, who are assuming charge of Kindersley-Delisle next spring, and to fellowship with the saints at Clearview. On the Thursday and Friday of the same week we tried a new venture, namely, a two day conference for the community, with the emphasis placed on Young People and their problems, such as recreation, daily living, and social conduct. Speakers for these two days were Sr. Wendell Harman, Sr. Pearl Jones, Eld. and Sr. W. O. Winger, and the writer. Attendance was not as good as we had hoped for.

The night of July 24, the summer evangelistic meetings began in the church this year, rather than in the tent. Twice during

the week and on Sunday night Bro. Winger gave short talks on Africa. Throughout the entire two weeks the attendance averaged better from the adult standpoint, with a few young people missing who had attended in other years. The messages were timely and carried weight and conviction, but no outward break occurred until the final night of the meetings, when two little girls, Bro. Moore's and our own, another young lady, and Sr. Jones' father came out to the altar. We were very happy to see Mr. Jones renew his covenant with the Lord, and we want to give God all praise for what He has done, and be an encouragement to those who took their stand for the Lord. At least a dozen more raised their hands for prayer.

We commemorated the suffering and death of our Savior the week-end of August 6 and 7, with the largest number of communicants taking part. Only one of our local members was absent this year. On Saturday evening we ate the evening meal together in the church; this is the first time for a number of years that this was done, and it seemed that this features assisted in making the entire week-end of greater blessing to us all. Sunday morning was given over entirely to the Wingers for a missionary service. The services of Bro. and Sr. Winger were appreciated by the people.

Always a pleasure is the strengthening of the church. The morning of September 4 was the occasion of receiving into church fellowship Bro. Jay Davis of Paddockwood, and the return to church fellowship of Bro. Fred Tweed, also of Paddockwood. Noteworthy is Bro. Davis, who cannot testify as others can, but who speaks to friends on the street about their soul. Before the time came for his reception into the church, he studied and memorized the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, as well as some of the questions that are asked of those who unite with the church. So desirous of following the Lord the whole way was he, that he gladly entered the chilly waters of Emma Lake that afternoon. Some remarked that he was able to come out of the water with greater ease than when he went in, and the joy on his face was good to see. He has wanted to be baptized for some time, but only lately did we learn of his desire.

We could write more, but this report we hope will cause you, our dear brethren and sisters, to remember us in prayer, and to keep alive your interest in this part of the harvest field. Our quarterly report will contain items we have passed by this time, and until then, God be with you all.

—The Brechbills

Locke, Nappanee, Indiana

Our Daily Vacation Bible School continued for two weeks beginning June 20 with a total enrollment of 86. Bro. Jacob Kuhns served as superintendent with a faithful and efficient corps of workers. His active service here will be missed as he returns to teaching at Messiah College.

Our Sunday School has repeatedly gone over the goal we set in our slogan "Seventy-nine in '49." We are thankful for this growth and will gladly revise our slogan upward for next year. Bro. and Sr. Jesse Hochstetler were taken into church fellowship in one of our Sunday morning services.

Bro. Joseph VanderVeer conducted our tent meeting campaign for two weeks beginning August 23. The tent was erected a few blocks from the church where attendance was good each night as Bro. VanderVeer faithfully brought inspiring messages from the Word. Bro. and Sr. Raymond Niesley of Dayton, Ohio, took charge of the

music during the second week of the meetings.

On Sunday, August 28, a baptismal service was conducted by our Bishop, Carl G. Stump, assisted by Eld. Erwin Thomas. Three adults and two young people participated along with one from the Union Grove congregation. We find encouragement in these evidences of growth and progress. We pray that God may continue to bless and direct in each phase of His work

—Correspondent

Cedar Grove, Mifflintown, Pa.

The month of August being the time for tent meetings and camp meetings, our group was rather small several times at services, Sunday morning, but we are glad for the benefits received by those who were able to go to the various meetings, and also the blessings that came to those who had to remain by the stuff. (1 Samuel 30:24).

August 9. The "Evergreens" met at the home of Bro. Harvey Lauvers to get the Christmas Bundles ready to send overseas.

The Sewing Circle also sent a box of bedding including some other things, to Bro. Wolgemuth's in Virginia, whose home was destroyed by fire.

August 27. Harvest meeting. We were glad to have Eld. Harold Paulus and Eld. Bruce Grove with us for this service. Bro. Grove reminded us the blessings of the natural harvest and Bro. Paulus spoke of the spiritual harvest. In the evening service Bishop Jacob Bowers preached. Bro. Earl Garis and family also were with us. We appreciate these visitors from time to time. Teachers' meeting was held at the home of Bro. Wm. Landis, also special prayer was requested for Bro. Landis who was afflicted. God answered.

August 31. Prayer meeting at Bro. Harvey Lauver's. A goodly number were present and from the testimonies we gathered that the joy of the Lord abides even when camp meeting is over.

—Ella M. Lauver

Prayer

There is no joy, duty, conflict, or sorrow for which we cannot be better prepared by prayer.—D. March.

Moreno, California

The tent meetings at Moreno under the faithful ministry of Eld. C. R. Heisey were of blessing to all. The attendance to the services were increased by the cooperation of the Open Bible Community Church in Sunnymede and the Missionary Church at Necavo. They all supplied some of the special music which was inspirational.

The Vacation Bible School sponsored by the American Sunday School Union was very fine this year. The attendance was good and there were several children who professed Christ. We pray this childhood experience may never be forgotten.

The Dohners gave us a farewell service and the Buckwalters spent a Sunday with us. The missionary interest is good at Moreno and they always enjoy our returned and outgoing missionaries. Offerings were taken for both of these mission workers. The general interest and attendance has been very good for the summer months. We covet your prayers for there are many needs in this God's harvest field.

—Cletus and Catharine Naylor
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David offering
Prayer and Praise
to God



PRAY

Does God answer prayer? Yes, he does answer prayer. This truth is being verified in our lives every day; however there are times when the answer to our prayers is more evident and stands out as a special land mark in our experience. And so it is now; God is answering our prayers and the prayers of the African people for the medical work. On several occasions during the past year death entered our midst when it might have been avoided had there been a doctor and proper facilities for the emergency. The one experience which stands out above all others was the death of a young mother. This patient was taken to the Gwanda Government hospital but the trip of twenty miles over rough roads was too much for her weakened condition. The young woman was a Christian and ready to go, but her death left three little children without a mother. The people of the community were deeply distressed and grieved for this untimely death. The question was asked, "Why do we not have our own missionary doctor?" My reply to that question was that they pray, pray for a doctor, pray for a hospital. My heart was encouraged with the hearty reply, "We are praying!"

Today we are happy that God is answering our prayers. The work of building the hospital has started. We believe also that God has his hand upon the doctor whom he is preparing for this field.

There has been a good response from the people of the community in helping with the work. The women came with their hoes to clear the grass from a large area for drying the bricks. Some of the men have lent their oxen for hauling stones for the foundation. We are praying that God will lay his hand upon some qualified African builder, who will be willing to give some time in brick laying.

Brother Bert Winger, who has been appointed to the task of building, needs your prayers. He not only has the opportunity of building the hospital, but also a wonderful privilege of building for Christ's Kingdom as he works with the men who are employed. Many of these men are not saved. We are praying that ere the building is completed many of the men will be won for Christ.

May we ask you to continue to pray for this unfinished task; that God's blessing may rest upon it, and that His kingdom may be increased through this work.

Pray for the medical work which is now being carried on at the little clinic here at Mtshabezi. Remember the four African nurses who minister unto the people daily that they may be faithful in their service both for soul and body.

God is faithful. May we be found faithful unto Him.

Martha M. Kauffman
Mtshabezi Mission
Southern Rhodesia

Mtshabezi Mission
September 1, 1949

Dear Christian Friends,

This Lord's Day afternoon as I lie here and meditate on the goodness of God, I am made to cry out with the Psalmist, "O, praise the Lord, O, give thanks unto the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul." These and similar expressions truly come from my heart. God is indeed good to us and my heart is full of His love. There is no rebellion or bitterness in my heart although illness has set me aside for a number of weeks. I can truly say the Lord has made them weeks of blessing, however I long to be well and able again to carry my responsibilities.

I often thank God for good health and have been trusting Him to keep me physically as well as spiritually, so since He has seen fit to let this affliction come, I am thankful for a resignation in my heart which brings peace and calmness. Mariam Booth, when laid aside by illness, was told by a friend, it was such a pity to be thus hindered from her work, replied, "It is great to do the Lord's work, but it is greater to do the Lord's will."

These have been exceptionally busy days for all at the Mission—the closing, for the second term, of the boarding schools in Southern Rhodesia, preparing for the children's holiday, making plans for attending conference at Sikalongo and the regular mission duties, with a short staff. So it really wasn't a convenient time to take ill. After battling with a high fever and severe headache for a few days I finally took my bed, and after several days of careful nursing at home, it was decided to bring me to Bulawayo to see the Doctor and put me in hospital. The hospital was full and the Doctor said he would treat me if I was able to find a room for a few days, till a bed would be available. The Y.W.C.A. kindly took us in and said we could have a room for a few days, but these few days have lengthened into over four weeks. We can't begin to tell you how much their kindness has meant to us.

At first the Doctor said I had tick bite fever and treated me accordingly. He also said I had a slight lung congestion but after several days treatment he decided against the fever and said I had virus pneumonia. It didn't appear to be so serious at first and my cough is clearing but the x-ray pictures are not clearing as fast as they should, which keeps me in bed. I will have my fourth x-ray in a few days and we hope and pray it will be perfectly clear, so that I can return home soon.

My greatest disappointment has been in having to miss our Conference which is being held at Sikalongo at this time. We always look forward to this time of fellowship with our dear co-workers. Barbara too was unable to go as I needed someone to care for me. But even in this disappointment God has given courage and blessing. We do appreciate the kindness and thoughtful assistance of many of our fellow-workers. I often wonder what we would do with out them in times of sickness.

My greatest desire is to be in God's will continually. Continue to pray for us, that as God's ambassadors we may maintain spiritual zeal and fervor for the salvation of lost souls.

—Mable Hall

In The Homeland

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Oak Ridges, Ontario (Markham District)

The teachers of the Sunshine Sunday School conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School in the school house of this community. The total enrollment was one hundred and sixteen with an average attendance of seventy-four.

We appreciated the presence of the parents who attended the closing program rendered by the boys and girls. We felt the Lord was with us in our classes, and trust that the seed sown in these tender hearts will spring forth unto life eternal.

During the past quarter Bro. and Sr. Walter O. Winger of Grantham, Pa., visited our Sunday School. A fine missionary talk was enjoyed by all. Sr. Dorothy Sherck of the Ontario Bible School was also a Sunday School guest, and came to us in the interest of the Bible School.

—Ruth Henderson

Nottawa District, Ontario, Canada

Our Daily Vacation Bible School held in Collingwood, closed July 29. The enrollment was the highest we have ever had at Bible School. The average daily attendance was 153. Twenty-seven children sought the Lord in the school.

The Sunday evening service, July 31, was the closing service of our tent meetings held in Collingwood. Conviction was heavy during these services and several hands were raised for prayer. One young girl sought the Lord at the altar.

Bro. VanderVeer preached the Word with power each night. We also enjoyed Sr. VanderVeer in our services. She was a teacher in the Bible School.

In the Sunday morning service July 24, Sr. Elsie Bechtel of Ohio, told of her experiences in relief work in Europe.

Following the morning service August 28, Bro. and Sr. Allan Lebeck were received into church fellowship and water baptism followed. They gave a clear testimony of saving grace.

—Sr. Frank Ferguson

Thomas, Oklahoma

Greetings from the Bethany Church in Oklahoma. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." These words of the Psalmist best express the sentiments of the heart after the tent meeting in Thomas this summer. Eld. John N. Hostetter of Clarence Center, New York, was the evangelist. His ministry was greatly appreciated by the Bethany Church as well as the churches in Thomas. The sympathetic appeal of the gospel drew large audiences practically every night. May God richly bless Bro. Hostetter as he continues his services for Christ.

During the revival, Tuesday morning, August 9, was the annual Harvest Meeting. This service was unique in two ways. First, two evangelists were present—Bro. Hostetter and Eld. Alvin Burkholder of Upland, California, who was conducting a revival at the Red Star Church. Second, spiritual showers fell on the inside of the church while the natural rain watered the parched earth without. Bro. Burkholder delivered the harvest message, Bishop P. B. Friesen conducted the testimony service, and Bro. Hostetter gave fitting remarks at the close of the service.

Bishop Henry N. Hostetter gave a report of his tour to the African and Indian mission fields on Friday evening, August 12. This missionary service drew a very large audience.

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"An Ordinary Person!"

Life Story of Warren E. Posey recently deceased holiness preacher.

PART II

I think this is the place to mention how God so miraculously healed me of lung trouble. The worst habit that I had while in sin was smoking cigarettes. I smoked them all the time. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." I realized, as well as the doctor, that I was nearing the end of my earthly journey. He gave me three months to live. I prayed and felt sure God did not want me to die. He had called me to preach, and I had not done any preaching yet. I asked Brother Bevington, Bona Fleming, and another person to anoint me, for I was sure God was going to heal me. While they were praying and anointing me with oil, I suddenly felt God touch me. I jumped up from my knees, praising God that I was healed! There was no doubt about it. Several years afterward I had an X-ray picture made of my lungs, and the sanatorium doctors said that there was a scar on my lungs and that I had had serious trouble in the past, but that they were perfect now. Thank God, they are still perfect!

I had never heard of a Bible School before I became a Christian. They had a camp meeting in our town, and one of the preachers was Rev. Meredith G. Standley, President of God's Bible School. "God's Bible School?" So God has a Bible School? Well, that is where I desire to go!—*God's Bible School*—wherever that is! I did much praying! One day the Lord said to me, "*Thy prayer is heard!*"

God stepped in and opened the door, for I got the good news that I had an opening as a work student. I was happy! I went to prayer meeting and got up and testified that I was leaving for God's Bible School the next week. At that prayer meeting Bona Fleming testified that his *all* was on the altar. Just then God spoke and said, "What about your trunk?" Bona had one a little larger than a large suitcase, but it was large enough to hold all that I had. He walked over and said, "Warren, you can have my trunk to go to school."

At Sunday services someone got up and said he felt led to take up an offering for me. The offering came to \$3.60. I needed \$3.45 for fare.

The day came. I packed all that I had in the world and started. This was Friday. I missed the connections, and didn't reach Cincinnati until late Saturday night. I still retained my fifteen cents that I had left when I started.

Arriving in the city wasn't new to me. I knew what car to take to the School, and when I saw it pulling out a little ahead of me I ran and threw my baggage over the rear end, and then here I came climbing

over the top after it. The passengers looked at me as if I were an escaped convict, or running from the law. The conductor said, "Where are you going?" "To God's Bible School." "Sit still until you get there, and I will let you off at the right place."

I registered on Monday morning. They gave me a job mopping floors. I had never even tried to use a mop in my life. I was doing a poor job at it, when one of the boys came along who had charge of my work, and found that I was using plenty of water; in fact, so much that it was running under the doors into the rooms of the students. He showed me the right way, so I held the job five months and became quite expert. Trials were many and my faith was tested to the breaking point at times, but God was always there in due time to help me when I got in distress.

I went home through the summer; and, because of my father's sickness and death, did not get to return to School. I went to West Virginia and got a job working for a coal mining company. The owner was a Christian man, and he allowed me many privileges. I was there only a few days when, because of my stand for right, they called me "The Preacher." At first the miners ignored me, and would curse and do everything possible to try me; but after they saw that I was really trying to live right, the cursing ceased and if they would accidentally say something ugly before me they would apologize. I took the same attitude there that I took when first converted and living at home—to do what God told me to do!

I was staying in a boarding-house with many others, and one day the Lord asked me to pray before they ate. I asked the landlady for the privilege, and she gladly granted it. After a few weeks she asked me to have family altar with her husband and four children. Then we started a Sunday school. Later we called evangelists and had revivals of religion.

This good man I worked for sold out and the next manager "did not know Joseph." I was getting along pretty well; in fact, too well to suit the devil. One day the manager was in the mine and they were discussing what to do with an old mule we called Barney. He was an outlaw. He would start out in the morning pulling pretty well, and all of a sudden would just stop. If they whipped him he would begin to kick. He refused to work or stop kicking until the driver would give him a chew of tobacco. The boss said, "Give old Barney to Posey, and see if he can keep his religion." I knew they were watching me carefully as to how I would act under

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The Menace of Mediocrity

Alton J. Shea

Many Christians have forgotten that sin is a present, rugged reality and a powerful enemy.

THERE IS a tendency in this land of plenty, religious freedom, and ease, for many good people to get into a rut of an easy Christianity. This is not a popular subject to deal with, but it is one that is vital to the life of the Church today. Christianity without a cross is a menace. We are not speaking of the emblem that is often seen on the top of church steeples, but of the crucified life within. With our Chinese brethren facing a reign of terror and persecution, with Christians in Europe and in Asia overrun by Communism, and with missionaries over the world engaged in a life and death struggle with the forces of evil in these last days, is it for us in the church of America to go sleepily on in a nominal Christian profession?

There may be several reasons why it is natural to be an "easy Christian" here in the homeland. An overdue emphasis on the duties of giving and church attendance in many quarters gives the average Christian the idea that this is all there is in following Christ. Many have missed the true kernel of our faith—a life with Christ in God where all true satisfaction comes from the Lord. Such a life is independent of outward circumstances for its joys. The smile of God and the sense of His favor sheds a light that no darkness on earth can put out. Family troubles, church troubles, financial losses, cannot disturb the hidden peace of the Christian whose soul is truly wed to Christ. This is the faith of Saint Paul, of Saint John, of David Livingstone, and John and Betty Stam. This is the faith our children need who may have to face the stern realities of the final storms of this expiring age. This is the faith that the martyrs lived by and died by—Christ is all.

Our very civilization with its convenient homes, congenial surroundings, fast cars, and easy money, makes any idea of suffering or hardship distasteful to most of us. Some of us have hardly endured inconvenience, let alone suffering, for Christ. Attention to self, talking of self, pre-occupation with living in our own little circle of family and friends, cuts us off from deep understanding of the Word and a close walk with God unless we are careful. There is a tendency not to feel any discomfort at the sight of the polite sin all about us and to have little sense of obligation to witness for the Lord to a dying world by a clear-cut stand for Christ.

This easy Christianity takes on well known patterns, of which we mentioned two. One finds there are all too many sour



Christians. Life for them means the fulfillment of selfish desires and any frustration brings a crusty disposition which manifests itself to the sorrow of all in family and church circles. How is it that sometimes the folks who have been most blessed with Godly example and influence are the most soured in life? They have simply never sold out to Jesus; they have been fooled into an easy Christianity and it has soured on their hands. The inner heart is not satisfied with Jesus. They may even profess sanctification but the "I" life sticks out all over them. (Oh for more people who will exalt Christ and not self). It would seem that many a moral unbeliever gets more satisfaction out of life than such so-called Christians do. This is a sad picture. Too many are living in the shadows when Christ could make them saints. Christ is able for it. A day of fasting and prayer or a night's vigil alone with God could change the situation into a "Not I but Christ," life.

Then this easy Christianity is very conducive to the production of sleeping Christians. We are not speaking of the ones who sleep in church but those who sleep all the time. They cannot be aroused to see the stern issues of the day. They may be subscribers to a creed but they are not soldiers of the Cross. They have forgotten that sin is a present rugged reality and a powerful enemy—as much a menace in the heart of a professing Christian as it is in the hearts of the leaders of Russia. Are they alarmed about the international situation? They need to be awakened to the tragedy of sin in all its forms; both polite selfishness, and ugly sensuality. It is no wonder that the prayer-meeting is a strange place to most of such people. A time of fasting and prayer they have never heard of.

The Lord is looking for "sold out" Christians. "I would that ye were either cold or hot," said the Lord. When the Son of man cometh will He find faith on the earth, will He find the clear upward expectant look in your heart and on your face? Remember He is coming soon.

—The Wesleyan Methodist.

Television in Prophecy

Interesting! Thought-Provoking!

E. E. Wordsworth

IT WAS the writer's privilege to attend the "Century of Progress" in the year 1934 in the city of Chicago. Even at that time television was known and was on display at this World's Fair. Admittedly it was in its infancy, consequently the screens did not satisfy those within the improvised room for the pictures were quite blurred, indistinct, confused, and at times totally obscured, yet the writer with many thousands of other people were happy to look upon this new startling invention which was destined to capture the minds and hearts of the coming generations. Today television is commercialized and utilized in thousands of homes. Telecasts and entertainment is being beheld by people right within the home as they sit by their fireside. It is still undoubtedly in its embryonic period, but as time passes it will be more and more perfected as has been the radio. It is no longer a dream or an experiment; it is reality. It has passed the novelty stage and now represents big business. It is being manufactured, operated and promoted in a big way. It will not be very long before television is as common in home life as the radio, electric appliances, and the automobile.

Television can be either a means of education and blessing to this age or a detriment and a curse to the rising generation. It can be employed for the dissemination of the Gospel message at home and abroad like the radio broadcasts, but it can also be used by unscrupulous men to their selfish advantage in giving to the millions of homes plays, playlets, slapstick comedians, divorce scenes, harlotry, Hollywood morals, drunken revelry, Reno standards, dissipation and debauchery in general.

This radio age has taken from us already some of our most cherished and precious possessions: private prayer time; devout reading of the Scripture; the family altar; soul culture in the reading of deeply spiritual books and literature; holy conversation in the home circle; a deep passion for souls and the determined development of ourselves in the graces of the Spirit. So one cannot avoid wondering what effect the advent of television will have upon the morals and mentality of growing children as well as adults. Someone has said: "The radio has produced a generation of morons." It has caused to a large extent arrested mental development. We do not want to read, think, study and concentrate on worthwhile matters. The urgent call is for the frivolous, the chaffy, the sentimental, the thrill, the pleasing pastime. Will television accentuate the trend down-

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"Highways and Hedges"

Edwin Raymond Anderson

AND THE Lord said unto the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that My House may be filled" (Luke 14:23). With that suggestive word did the Lord climax the parable of the certain man who made a great supper (verse 16), and leave a pointed word which is not to be discounted nor ignored because of the parabolic mould. Parable or no, the point yet penetrates with the piercing that is meant to lead to a solemn pondering of much of the ways of our Christian way and living. The Lord yet stands and flings out the word, "Go out."

Now such a word as that is not to be accepted lightly, if for no other reason than the fact that far too many simply do not "go out." They almost "pass out" at any suggestion of the "go out," for while they agree upon the matter theologically, it is only the theoretical acceptance, for the agreement of the head meets with violent disagreement with the heart, and with the "hands and feet" of service. Of course we are to "go," but they appear to be "out" when we would call upon them for the practical application of the truth. Frontliners in the sanctuary they may well be, but practical back-sliders when it comes to the donning of the garments of real down-to-earth moving among men out there upon the streaming streets where the sad and sunken souls of men are to be seen. It is tragic but true, and sad indeed to note the highhanded manner in which they hedge about this matter of "highways and hedges." It is the deep tragedy of having a religion which simply is not prepared to face head-on, the grim and gripping realities of life as it is.

Yet, that is the word which the Lord is always seeking to pierce and press the hearts of His servants with. The Good News of the Gospel certainly would make news if it were to be carried forth in the proper. Scripture manner, and it would do a world of good in a scene too long sickened by pious pretence and counterfeit substitutes. Let the Cross be flung out into the highways to trip, to upset, to irritate, to confound, to trouble the highway travelers! Let the message of Calvary be a true message driven full-force by the power of the Holy Spirit, into the hedges where men congregate, so that the true picture be realized. Of course, that will jar some of our fundamental respectability, but it is better to be jarred now, than eventually iaded into that tragic state of "half-slumber" where we move not at all, save to pass motions concerning the need of moving!

After all, beloved, ours is not so fragile and tender a religion, that it cannot stand

the cruelties of life as it is lived by the lifeless without Christ. Some plants may grow in hot-houses, but not this one . . . for the only heat under which this plant may truly prosper, is the heat of the driving impellments of the Holy Spirit of God. A service smothered within a sanctuary all too quickly becomes terrifyingly stale, leaving us but as religious "mumbo-jumbos," with a round of ritual which turns to ruin. How can one sit at ease within the sanctuary, while souls are standing without



as "hungry sheep looking up without a shepherd," passing down along the highways and hedges into hell! And all the while, there is the pleading of the Lord Jesus and the persuasion of the Holy Spirit to, "Go out! Go out! Go out!" Let us well remember that the first two letters of our treasured word, "Gospel," are, "GO-spel," and we cannot claim to be good gospeleers if we do not, for whatever reason, so go out for souls.

"Compel them to come in." But that is true, and there is a compelling which draws upon the heart. Sinners are yet dying for the sight of a professing Christian truly alive. There is a strange drawing when there is the clear, tangible, visible demonstration of one who has truly been to Calvary and tarried there long enough until those two words, "Go out" have burned a holy furrow into the un-ploughed places of the soul, so that nothing else matters. Men will yet take note, for here is the realistic religion that comes to grips and grapples with souls for that blessed Man of Calvary. It is the voice crying in the wilderness with the "strong tears and cry-

"Drowning Trouble"

Recently, I witnessed an attempt by some people to verify the supposed truth of the caption of this editorial. I happened to be on one of the better trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad when some cars of the train were derailed and struck by another train. Some passengers were badly injured, but not I, and others were frightened by the accident. The effort of some of the passengers to forget the excitement of the occasion impressed me very much, for it revealed how misled some people are in relation to the experiences of life.

Shortly after the situation caused by the wreck had been brought under control, a number of bottles of whiskey were brought into use by passengers on the train with the evident purpose of "drowning their trouble." The drinking was about as pronounced among women as among men. Of course, not all the excited people drank, but so many did that it revealed the fact that human nature is not trustworthy without the re-enforcement of the divine. What took place was an application of the delusion that by drinking liquor one can "drown his troubles."

People who have difficulties in life may as well face the fact that we cannot drown trouble by some form of dissipation. In such an attempt, people often are destroyed by the very thing which they employ as an escape from trouble. God knows that people in this world will have trouble, and He has provided ways of relief during such experiences. These ways are the ways of grace.

Man confesses over and over again by his acts and approaches to things that he cannot trust himself in an emergency, yet he continues to refuse to give to God the place in his life which would give direction when the evil day comes upon him.

Everett E. Harris in *The Telescopic Messenger*.

ing" of one who is truly Calvary-branded for the only service and witness which counts of value for these latter days.

Well, but we know all of this. And that is the tragedy, beloved. We know it; but it does not know us. We are still bogmired in the attempt of making the words "Go out" read, "come in," and have tried by the thousand-and-one programmings to get sinners under the sound of the Gospel. Well, they will hear the sound . . . when that sound is struck out in the streets where they live and move and have their being. Let us not think otherwise, for it is being continually proven. And oh! but what a preciousness and what a power to really honor such a word by the whole giving up of life to the heeding of the challenge!

—Waterbury, Conn.

Doctrinal Preaching

F. Lincicome

Salvation is a trinity consisting of theory, experience, and practice. The theory, or doctrine, comes first in order of thought, because doctrine is the root of the tree, and the character of the root determines the character of the fruit, the life, the ethics.

The doctrinal preacher appeals to the intellect and puts the emphasis on the head; the evangelistic preacher puts the emphasis on the heart; the ethical preacher puts the emphasis on the hand. All of these kinds of sermons are so important that no one of them can safely be neglected.

We are called to "prove all things" and to "hold fast that which is good." The doctrines of the Bible are like a ladder that has so many steps or rungs. Every doc-

trine is like a rung of the ladder, and by these rungs we climb up to Heaven. If you break off any rung, you are in danger of falling, and your climbing up is rendered either difficult or impossible. The three principal rungs on this ladder that lifts us up to Heaven are repentance, regeneration and sanctification—three fundamental doctrines. Repentance is to religion what the alphabet is to education; what addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are to mathematics, basic and foundational.

Any preacher can be a great preacher in that he can major on doctrinal themes—great themes like redemption, salvation, faith, love, judgment, and destiny. Preaching on such themes is sure to bring lasting results.—*God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate*.

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they seized him and sold him as a slave to a travelling group of Midianite merchantmen, who carried him down into Egypt and resold him as a slave. His owner, through wicked and false accusation, thrust him into a dungeon. Where was God? Was He in His world? Had He withdrawn entirely from all earthly scenes and experiences? Joseph steadfastly remained true to God amidst all of his long successions of adversity.

And now we see God moving in a mysterious fashion in a succession of marvelous events. Suddenly Joseph is brought before the great Egyptian monarch, King Pharaoh. He interprets the king's dreams, and introduces God to him and gives God all the credit for this correct interpretation, by saying: "It is not in me to interpret your dream through which God is speaking to you and the nation, and preparing you for a great promise that is to come upon the world."

Pharaoh accepted this interpretation as a message coming from God, and he immediately appointed Joseph as the proper person to carry into effect the provisions suggested in his dreams. He made Joseph second in authority in his kingdom. Joseph, by his discreet and wise policy, saves the nation and the surrounding nations from starvation, including his own people. What a remarkable demonstration of the undeniable fact that God is in His world. "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty."

Was God in His world when Isaiah prophesied concerning the downfall of the Jewish nation? It was their unmitigated hypocrisy that caused this terrible disaster to the Hebrew people. God spoke many

words of warning through His faithful prophet. "His people honored me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me." This prediction made by Isaiah was speedily fulfilled when Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian monarch, came up and destroyed the city of Jerusalem and carried away the people into captivity, where they remained for seventy years. Was God not in His world? When this terrible thing happened He certainly was, and permitted it because of their repeated acts of gross disobedience.

Was He not in His world when this haughty monarch was inflicting such awful cruelties upon his subjects? Come and see. He erected a great image of gold and commanded all the people to fall down and worship it. Three Hebrew captives refused to obey his command, and he commanded them to be cast into a fiery furnace heated seven times more than it was wont to be heated. Now where was God? Was He in His world? The cruel monarch looked with amazement to see these three men walking around in the fierce fire entirely unharmed. He also saw a fourth person walking with them who seemed to this monarch like the Son of God. When they were brought out there was not even the odor of fire upon them.

Shortly after this event, this haughty and cruel monarch was deprived of his reason and driven out to crawl on all fours and eat grass with the beasts of the field until he learned to recognize and respect the power and authority of the most high God, which he did in these words: "I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the Most High, the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment; and those who walk in pride He is able to abuse." Surely, "This Is My Father's World."—*The Church Advocate*.

Television in Prophecy

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ward? We have great fears and misgivings. It will be a greater so-called time-server than the radio and will certainly discourage quiet conversation, wholesome reflection, Bible study and such like.

This is not a blanket condemnation of either the radio or television. Great good, profitable relaxation, and intellectual nourishment can be had from both. But we shall have to choose between sublime music, educational programs, Gospel screens, substantial renditions of merit, and the worthless, Godless, worldly, seductive, degrading and demoralizing presentations. It will take clear spiritual discernment to do this. Spiritually-minded people will not want nor allow the theatre nor the night club right at their fireside, but will insist on giving God His proper place in the home life. We must prepare ourselves to handle this problem that is now invading the home.

But we ask: "Does the Bible give us any light on television? Does it have prophetic significance?" We believe we can answer in the affirmative. Let us look at the Word.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:27). The lightning flashes in the east and shoots directly to the west. It suddenly appears and shines forth with unmistakable brightness. The revelation is clear to all. So shall the coming of Christ be. By means of television one could sit in his rocking chair at home and see clearly the advent of Christ. Again: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him: and they also which pierced Him; and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." (Rev. 1:7). This Scripture can easily be understood today in the light of television. The scoffers, deniers and Modernists and infidels are now put to rout in the face of this invention that God may employ to fulfill His Word. Men will be horrified as they behold Christ on the screen. From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth He will be seen, and communists and all Christ-rejectors will tremble in His august Presence. "All kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." There will be wailing and mourning because of their unspeakable, unforgiven and blasphemous sins. "They shall look on Him who they pierced." (John 19:37). The providences of God are so ordered as to be a fulfillment of His Word; and the inventions of man, though not so intended, are used of God to proclaim that His counsel shall stand. God makes the wrath of man to praise Him.

We are confident of this one thing, beloved, that God will employ television as His instrument to fulfill His unerring and

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In The Homeland

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Another special feature recently was Professor Albert Brechbill and the Grantham Quartet. They were present Wednesday evening, August 24. The gospel in song can be just as effective as the gospel in word if the life is behind it. The testimonies of God's saving grace, which the members of the quartet gave, added to the effectiveness of their songs and hymns.

By the time this article is in print possibly all our church schools will be in progress. Let us earnestly pray that this year will be a fruitful one for God's Kingdom.

North Dickinson, Kansas

On July 27 a series of revival meetings started at the tent which was located five miles northeast of Abilene in the pasture of L. P. Engle. Eld. John Rosenberry came in our midst ready to preach a straight and full Gospel. As he brought heart searching messages many were made to realize and feel their need of salvation or to a deeper consecration and responded to the invitations as they were given by the evangelist. During the two weeks of meeting many knelt at the altar of prayer and some gave testimony to having received definite victory. A few afternoon prayer services were held at the tent and these services were special times of blessing for those who attended.

On Saturday afternoon, August 6, the annual harvest meeting of North Dickinson was held at the tent and hearts were blessed and gave thanks to the Lord for the material as well as the spiritual blessings of the year.

We thank the Lord for the seed sown during these meetings, and for those who have received definite help and we trust each one who has taken forward steps may continue to walk in the light which they have received.

—Mrs. J. C. Hoover

Antrim, Greencastle, Pa.

On the evening of June 13 our annual Vacation Bible School opened and continued for the regular two week period, Monday through Friday. Since it was held during a busy season, many of the twenty-four teachers and assistants served at considerable sacrifice, but felt the work of the Lord should come first. Two buses were used to bring the children, and many neighbors and friends were glad to bring their children themselves. Some parents have told us that they are glad to send their children to our Bible School because of the emphasis placed on the study of the Bible. The average attendance at the Bible School was around two hundred.

On the Sunday evening following the school sessions, the closing program was given. The church auditorium was filled by the members of the Bible School and the parents and friends who came for the program. It is our purpose that the cause of the Lord be forwarded by the work of the Bible School.

On the afternoon of the Lord's Day, June 26, there took place a memorable event. Eighteen people followed the Lord in baptism. Bishop Laban W. Wingert officiated. Of those, fourteen are from the Antrim congregation. With two others who transferred from another denomination, this makes sixteen who have joined our fellowship this year. Many of these are some of our boys and girls. How glad we are to see them come! It is a great responsibility that they be fed and cared for along the way.

—A. Byers

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infallible Word. Just as the automobile is the acknowledged fulfillment of Nahum's prophecy: "The chariots shall rage one against another in the broad ways (highways) they shall seem like torches (headlights of cars so blinding and causing a staggering number of deaths) they shall run like the lightnings." We are in a "speed demon" age. Just so television may play a large part in the not distant future to reveal the fact that God must be true though all men be liars. Watch television in prophecy. "God is still on the throne." Heaven and earth may pass away but "the Word of the Lord abideth forever!"

—The Midnight Cry.

"Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more."—Cowper.

"An Ordinary Person"

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pressure. I took old Barney and started through the tunnel with him. He hadn't gone one hundred yards until he stopped and looked at me, which was his way of saying, "I want my chew of tobacco!" I talked nice to him, persuaded, pleaded, and prayed secretly that God would help me. Some of the boys who did not want to be late at work gave him his chew and off he went. A few hours later he stopped again. I used my whip this time but the old mule just began to kick. He kept it up until he had kicked out of the traces, and out of the coal mine he went. I found him down at the barn, eating hay and corn.

The next time he started his rebellion, we were alone. I petted him, coaxed him, and at last I saw he was a helpless mule and his nature was against him. I got him away back in the mine and I got down on my knees near him and prayed: "O Lord, the men are watching how I live! The boss is trying to make me backslide! Barney won't work for me under any consideration without having his own way! Now, Lord, he is possessed with two demons—the kicking demon and the tobacco demon. I want Thee to kill these demons out of old Barney, and make him a good mule, for my sake, and that I may convince the boys that Thou are with me! Now, Lord, help Barney! I expect Thee to do it and glorify Thyself. Amen!"

I got up off my knees, and old Barney walked off as I told him. From that day he was delivered from his tobacco, and the "kick" was taken out of him. I hauled more coal than any other driver they had, and pulled double-loads with this old mule.

Seven months after this I was praying one day and God said, "Back to God's Bible School!" It looked impossible! It meant to step out without much money and go to school. The Lord told me this time that I would not have to work, that He would pay my way for me. One woman came to me and said she felt that she ought to pay my way. A few weeks later she came, saying that a certain preacher had talked to her, and told her that I wasn't much of a prospect to waste money on, and that she had better pick a little better material. She said, "I have come to the conclusion that he is right, and so forget it." But God does not forget, nor go back on His promise!

I prayed for three months and no money came. I got blue one day and wrote a letter to a friend, asking him to lend me the amount that I owed, and saying I would come and work for him. I took it down to the mail box on the corner near the School to mail it. While I was standing there meditating, the Lord said, "Where is your faith?" I tore that letter into a thousand pieces and cast it to the wind! Two hours later a friend told me, "You stay in School and I will pay all your expenses, board, tuition, clothes, and anything else you need." I thanked God for the privilege of having my way paid.

Many times I have praised God for these testing times and for the early Christian training that I received those days. Those lessons have proved an inspiration to believe God for greater things since being in Gospel Work.—*God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate.*

RELIEF NOTES

European Students Arrive

A group of seven students arrived on August 25 at the MCC headquarters enroute to the respective Mennonite colleges where they will study during the coming year. Anny Guth, Lydia Nusbaumer and Roland Nusbaumer, of France, will attend Goshen College. Andre Goll of France will study at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Rene Hege of France will attend Messiah Bible College; Eric D. Habegger from Switzerland will study at Freeman Junior College; and Tjietze R. Ytsma from the Netherlands will go to Bluffton College. Within several weeks additional students will come from Germany and other European countries. This student exchange program is under the direction of the Council of Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges, with Menno Travel Service and the MCC Mennonite Aid Section assisting in various ways.

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